

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	_____	SITE NO.:	_____
UTM: 18/	___/___/___	/	___/___/___
QUAD:	_____		
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Camp-Wilcox House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 11 Pearl Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Julia Giardina PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: Residence (rental)
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Bracketed cottage DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1874
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>wooden lintels and brackets</u>		<u>foundation and sills</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

<input type="checkbox"/> wood frame: <input type="checkbox"/> post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable ^{cross} <input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> gambrel ^{gable} <input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> hip	<input type="checkbox"/> round	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

 material:

<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> roll asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> tin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slate east and west gable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> built up	<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 33'x40'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: One story frame addition in rear; exterior stair-way south
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

<input type="checkbox"/> barn	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> other landscape features or buildings: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> shop	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This structure is a member of a modest residential district characterized by a variety of mid-nineteenth century houses. Its distinctive style and atypical roofline make this residence a notable Pearl Street feature.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This brick structure was built for Samuel T. Camp. Camp, a successful grocer and banking executive resided in the adjacent house at 180 College Street. The first tenant was Caleb T. Winchester, a professor of English Literature at Wesleyan University. During his lifetime Winchester was considered one of this country's most notable English literary critics. Winchester lived at this residence from 1875 until 1890 when he moved to his newly completed house on High Street (#284). After the death of its owner, Samuel T. Camp, the house was obtained and occupied by Edgar J. Wilcox in 1906. Wilcox was President of the Connecticut Business College, a small Middletown institution. Members of the Wilcox family retained the house until 1943 when it was sold to Julia Giardina, the present owner.

This Victorian Bracketed cottage displays a symmetrical three-bay facade. Picturesque details include a round-arched doorway and windows beneath a steeply pitched front gable. Brownstone sills and projecting wooden lintels accent the windows; a small wooden portico supported by columns encloses the main entrance. An almost identical house exists at 154 Church Street. (1874). These two buildings probably were constructed by the same builder.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 7/78 view: northeast
negative on file: Roll 33, #6



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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; "284 High Street," GMPT Report (unpublished, 1973); 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Perspective Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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